Ihe chang* of location by Mjs Orissa Sugars Ltd., front Nawarangpur to Bori* giima in the State of Orissa.

It is th* responsibility of the enteipre-neur to take necessary steps towards implementation of the project.

Supply of *Sagar* to Gujarat

503. SHRI CHIMANBHAI HARIBHA1 SHUKLA): Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) what is Die percentage oi the total quantity of sugar to be sold through public distribution system to the total quantity supplied to the State of Guju.ii;

(b) what were such percentages I .> Ihe last three years;

(c) whether it is a fact th.it in \iew of short supply of sugar in the State to be sold through PDs, consumers had to purchase sugar from the open markei during festival seasons;

(d) hether it oudl increase the prices of sugar; and

(e) if so, the measures taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THF. MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRl KALP NATH RAT): (a) and fb) Tbe levy sugar allocation to the State Government foi distribution through Pub'ic Distribution System is made by the Central Gover i-ment. It is the responsibility of State Governments including Gujarat Govern ment to distribute the entire allotted quantity through the Public Distribution System operative in the Staie. The monthly levy sugar quota of Guja- ;i» Stat* is 16194 MTs from February 1987. In addtion to this, out of 1 lakh tonnes ol festival quota allotted every year, tha share of Gujarat State is 4878 MTs pet annum. Accordingly, tbe aforesaid *lew* allocations have been made to Gujarat Government upto January 1995 for distri button through Public Distribution System.

(c) The allocation of levy sugar to 16194 ' MTs of levy sugar as monthly quota was maintained during the festival season sides allocation of 4878 MTs as festi quota during the months of August October 1994.

(d) and (e) Sugar prices in the o market had remained at a reasonable l during the festival months this season.

Protest of FCI Officials

504. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH: Will Minister of FOOD be pleased to stat

(a) whether a representation signed 26 senior officials of the Food Corp tion of India was submitted to the C net Secretary protesting against the ins ing behaviour ith them by some r official directors of the corporation the Minister concerned in a meeting FCI held on the 22nd September, 1 as reported in the "Observer', New D of 24th September, 1994;

(b) if so, what are the details in regard;

(c) whether unparliamentary langu was used and also wild unbecoming ph cal gestures we made against a senior Executive Director of FCI in the meet

(d) if so, what are the details in regard;

(e) what action Governmen taken or propose to take in the matte

(f) whether Government have revie the workitg of FCI and if so, what the details in this regard; and

(g) how Government propose to i rve its functioning?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF T MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI KA NATH RAI): (a) and (b) No represe tion purported to have been given to Cabinet Secretary by 26 senior offi of FCI has been received in this Mi try.

(c) and (d) No, Sir.

(e) Question does not arise.

(f) and (g) The working of the F Corporation of India is being revie

>ugh Quarterly Performance Review tings. The Ministry gives policy directs io the Corporation from time to ; to improve its functioning. The king of the Co-poration is a'so dis-ed in the ine™ings of Consultative imittee of Parliament attached to the istry. The last meeting of '.he Consul-*re* Committee was held on 24th ust. 1994.

cliu-se of paddy in Pwijab and Haryana

)5. SHRI S. S. SURJEWALA: Will Minister of FOOD be pleased to

i) whether it is a fact th t ths Food loration of India and the State agen-did not enter the markets ia Punjab Haryana for the purchase ol paddy le first fortnight of the current season cing huge losses to the fa'mers in : States;

j wehther it is also a fact that the i were forced to resort to distress sale aUdy in the markets;

I whether it is als a ofact that thei. «rs were forced to sell their more Basmati Paddy at the rate of Rs. 300 quintal insiead of Rs. 360, the support i fixed by the Central Government in absence of the Food Corporation of i and Government Agencies in the [1] of Haryana and Punjab; and.

) if so, whether Government propose jmpensale the loss incurred by such ers?

IE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE ISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI KALP H RAI): (a) and (b) No, Sir. The turn of paddy purchased in Punjub Haryana during the current Kharif veting Season 1994-95 as on 23-il-'M >f the order of 73.10 lakh tonnes and Iakh tannes respectively as com' 1 to 54.38 and 1.26 lakh tonnes ctively procured during the corres-ing period last year.

(c) and id) Since the prevailing tate* in Mandis in Punjab and Haryana for Basmati paddy are at levels much higher than Minimum Support Prices for paddy, Basmati paddy is not offered by farmers to p >. niexiient agencies for sale. As regards Non-basmati superfine paddy, in the initial stages of procurement there were some complaints related to quality of paddy. Permissible maximum percentage of admixture of lower variety of grains in superfine variety of paddy is 10 per cent i w specifications. There was,, however, pressure in some areas that the pro^ curement agencies should purchase superfine variety of paddy with even higher admixture of lower variety of grains. These prob'eras have since been sorted :>iit and the procurement operations are going ori smoothly.

Minimum support prVe of rice in Pmjaft

506, SHRI BHUPINDER SlNGH . MANN: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have fixed the minimum support price for superfine, fine and coarse varieties of rice in Punjab;

fb) if so, whether Government are . aware that procurement agencies have failed to pay the fixed price for the above varieties to tlie farmers; and

(c) if so, the action taken against the erring officials and to compensate the formers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) The Minimum Support Price for common, fine and superfine varieties of paddy of fair average quality have been fixed at Rs. 340, Rs.. 360 and Rs. 380 per quinta ^respectively for the* Kharif Marketing season 1994-95.

fb) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.